

Board of Directors Meeting
Kingston Lake (Great Pond) Association
October 25, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Kingston Community Library
Minutes

7:00

- Call to Order – Muriel Ingalls
- Secretary’s Report – emailed
- Treasurer’s Report – Sue Palmeter. Emailed 10/25

Members and guests present: Joel Johnson, Phil Coombs, Holly Ouellette, Larry Smith, Scott Homolka (new to Kingston), Leigh Komornick, Dave Lovely-Taillon, Jim MacDougall, John Halloran, Linda Corson, Betty Wright, Muriel Ingalls.

Patti Weinhold arrived with cupcakes and thanked us for KLA support of the Scott Weinhold Memorial Life Jacket Station. Leigh and Linda reported how popular the station was and many people were thankful for its presence. Linda told one story of the Marine Patrol officer telling 2 persons in a blow-up raft that they needed life jackets and if they did not get them, they would be cited and charged with an \$80 fine per person. The persons returned to the launch area and got life jackets from the station. This is a wonderful example of the success of the station. KLA is pleased to have supported Patti and her mission.

Patti is interested in doing something with boating safety next year. We will work with Patti as she pursues this idea. One possibility is to partner with Dave at Camp Lincoln and the Exeter Y for Healthy Kids Day. We will also reach out to Emily at the Kingston State Park.

New Business

- Guests Joel Johnson, Chief of Police and Phil Coombs, Director of Public Works. The Lake Hosts shared the following concerns regarding the boat launch area with Joel and Phil.
 1. There are no advance warning signs on the road that drivers are approaching a boat launch area.
 2. The concern is for heavy traffic in the area as boat trailers are in the road and backing into the launch area to the lake. There is parking across the street which also adds to traffic.
 3. While the lake hosts are not responsible for these issues, they are called upon to direct folks, answer questions and are witness to safety issues.Joel and Phil affirmed the challenges this area proposes. A cross walk from the launch to the boat parking area would work well. They shared that the area is listed at 30 mph which is the lowest speed for a main street. Joel and Phil listened to the Lake Hosts concerns. I followed up with the Lake Hosts. They felt they

had been listened to, and that both men in their respective positions would be working on the issue.

- Camp Lincoln/Kingston Lake (Great Pond) Grant – 18 top erosion sites in the watershed area. Muriel asked that members review the draft of the Grant. 55 areas in the watershed have been identified as needing erosion control. The Grant identified the top 18, all are public sites. The question arose about private property. The Grant work also included an evaluation of the 95 properties around the lake. Muriel will ask how this information will be used at the next Advisory Meeting.
- Loon Nest – Jim MacDougall reported on his observations of the loons and their nesting. This summer the loons built two nests on two different locations on the island. In both places, the loons abandoned the nests and there was no evidence of eggs and no chicks. Muriel emailed Jim's report to LPC. John Cooley, biologist with LPC, has responded and will meet with Jim and Muriel. The loons have not used or attempted to use the man-made nest.

At the end of this meeting, we introduced ourselves around the table to benefit our new person, Scott. Scott is looking to volunteer his time in the community. We look forward to seeing him at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Next meeting – January 31, 2024

2024 Budget Presentation by Sue Palmeter with input from Ben Bixby and Larry Smith

Respectfully submitted by,
Muriel Ingalls, President/Secretary